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Military Training Closes Camp Roberts to Big Game and Dove Hunting Aug. 31- Sept. 6

Due to a military training exercise, much of Camp Roberts will be shut down for most of the annual big game and dove hunt. The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) runs the hunting and fishing program cooperatively with the California Army National Guard.

The 10-day hunt runs from Aug. 28 to Sept. 6.

The military post, which straddles Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties, will be open to hunting the first three days, Aug 28-30. Hunting on Aug. 28 is by draw only and those hunters have already been notified. Hunting on Aug. 29 and 30 will be on a first-come basis.

The majority of the base will be closed Aug. 31 through Sept. 6. On those days hunting will only be permitted on East Garrison, east of Highway 101. Because this is a much smaller area, DFG staff will restrict the number of hunters to a small quota each day. This means most people will not be able to hunt Camp Roberts on the opening of dove season, Sept. 1. Normally, more than 400 people hunt the base on the dove opener.

Deer hunters who drew a G-9 Camp Roberts tag are being contacted by phone to discuss options regarding their deer tags.

Fishing is not impacted by the military training and will be open the entire 10 days. Normally, fishing is closed Sept. 1 due to the dove season opener. With hunting closed on the main post, the decision was made to open fishing on that day.

Hunters and anglers should call the taped information line at (805) 238-8167 prior to coming to Camp Roberts for the most recent information regarding access.

The base's Web site is at www.calguard.ca.gov/cprbts, and more information can be found by linking to the Environmental, Hunting and Fishing site.